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CIA Control Unit Urged By Sen. Young

Bill Introduced
To Create Joint
Committee, Staff

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 25 — Senator Young yesterday introduced legislation to establish a joint Senate-House watchdog committee to keep track of the Central Intelligence Agency's operations.

The Ohio senator's proposal would do away with the present informal Senate-House committee which supervises the CIA and substitute for it a permanent committee with its own staff and offices.

Shortly before Senator Young introduced his bill, Sen. Eugene J. McCarthy (D., Minn.) proposed the naming of a Senate Foreign Relations subcommittee to investigate the CIA's influence on foreign policy.

Invisible Government

Senator Young said the CIA gradually has taken on the character of an invisible government, making foreign policy and assuming responsibilities that belong to the President and Congress.

He told the Senate the time has come for Congress to assert a more formal and extensive supervision over the CIA.

"This is needed not only to eliminate waste and to assure that its programs operate effectively and within proper constitutional limitations," Senator Young said. "More important, such congressional supervision is needed to assure that our basic standards of morality are not completely undermined in the conduct of our international intelligence activities."

Although the CIA budget never is made public, Senator Young said the agency spends more than twice as much as the entire State Department, which would mean that the CIA is spending in the neighborhood of \$1 billion a year.

Urges Fiscal Check

Asserting that other agencies operating largely in secret, such as the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Atomic Energy Commission, are compelled to account for funds appropriated to them, he said there must be some effective congressional check on the CIA.

Currently the only congressional supervision of the CIA is provided by an informal committee of 12 including the chairman and ranking Republican members of the Senate Appropriations, Foreign Relations, and Armed Services Committees and their opposite numbers in the House.

Senator Young said these men already have too many responsibilities to permit them sufficient time to watch over the CIA. His bill calls for a permanent committee of 12 including a majority and minority member from each of the same six committees.